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2019 Board Election Update

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.10, §18 and c.32, the [Massachusetts State Board of Retirement](#) ("Board") is conducting a regularly scheduled election for one of the two elected positions to its five-member Board. The elected member will serve for a three-year term without compensation beginning January 2020.

Official ballots were mailed on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and must be returned by Friday, December 6, 2019 to the Board's designated agent.

Eligible members of the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System, are entitled to vote by ONE of these methods: online, telephone, or by mail. The nominees below qualified as candidates for election.

Candidates for "Elected Member" of the MA State Employees' Retirement System Include:

1. Francis E. Valeri (Incumbent)
2. Joyce Wilkins Nkwah
3. Marziale Francis Carlopoli

For more information, visit the Board's [2019 Retirement Board Election web page](#).

Is there something you would like us to

Did You Know?

You can opt out of mailed paper pension payment statements! Your full statements are accessible to you online via PayInfo. Click [here](#) to access PayInfo.

Social Security Announces 1.6 Percent Benefit Increase for 2020

The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2020. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2019.

[Click here](#) to read the full press release announcement.

Direct Deposit Reminder

Did you recently move or change your bank? If so, it's essential to provide the Board with your updated information in writing. The best way to get such changes to the Board is to complete a Direct Deposit Form and mail it to our office. It's also important to periodically check that your pension benefits are being correctly deposited according to your preferences.

[Click here](#) to download the Direct Deposit Form.

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Walk-In Counseling Hours:
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tel: 617-367-7770

Need assistance filling out the Direct Deposit Form? [Click here](#) to watch the short "How to Change Your Direct Deposit Information" video.

Thank You to Our Veteran Retirees!

Veteran's Day is a time to remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Their commitment to service is valued and appreciated by us all. MSRB staff thanks all Veterans for their sacrifice, service, and all that they have done for us.

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Have you, or are you, planning to move? If so, be sure to notify the Board of your address change! Retirees who already have summer and winter addresses on file with the Board can call us to request the address update. Otherwise, you'll need to notify the Board in writing. You can download our Change of Address form [here](#)!